

CARD/ EGLE Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 10:00 AM
[20240903 CARD-EGLE Quarterly Meeting](#)

The meeting was called to order by Roger Rayle at 10:04 AM.

The July Minutes were approved by the Board.

Jack Eaton moderated the meeting.

USEPA Update-

Diane Russell with the EPA said there are no updates from the EPA today. Georgia with Congresswoman Dingell's office stated that the Congresswoman is still staying updated with the NPL listing and the EPA news. She is also having a Hazardous Waste Town Hall meeting (Wayne Disposal facility issue, which has lots of our environmental activists/ electeds) and she gave us the data for that meeting if anyone wants to attend.

EGLE Updates-

Chris Svoboda said there are no new draft monitoring plans. EGLE did get a GSI work plan for the Western area and are asking for related data from Gelman now. They are expecting a GSI and downgradient investigation for the Eastern area and the Allen Creek drain expected by the first of next year. Vince asked if this Eastern plan will have more near surface groundwater sampling and if this doesn't have those tests in it, EGLE could add it.

And there is a Contingency Municipal Water Hook up plan that EGLE is expected to receive. This will probably be a plan for the higher well water numbers now (in Scio Twp). There is no due date, but Gelman mentioned they are working on it, per the CJ. Josh Moser mentioned that If a well hits 3.5 ppb and has this contingency ... in case.

In the CJ there is a Marshy area feasibility study (for remedial options in this highly contaminated area) and EGLE was getting the completed results around January 14 next year.

He did recently look at the EGLE for wet basements indoor air screening level and he found that number EGLE has as being 100 ppb. This would be indoor air and not in water indoors? He doesn't know much more about this.

Roger asked if we could get Chris's notes on these meetings for our knowledge of what he is working on with Gelman. He said he would get a document/ update for us.

Chris showed us a new tool EGLE has been working on, which was born out of a comment Roger made about the information they get from the Polluter with Pumping Rates and from what aquifers. A nice new tool we can get now to see the time-lines. We (a few of the citizen volunteers) gave him some additional items they could expand on, such as mass of 1,4 removed and if this removal will be analyzed to see if this is enough to halt the plume, etc?? Of course with the CJ in place (which the stakeholders and local governments rejected, but EGLE agreed to) prevents them from pumping enough to clean this up or halt the plume, so this is another reason why the EPA is our only hope left for taking care of this ongoing problem.

Jessica Stiles, with WRD at EGLE, was in attendance and updated us on the Water Resources Items. She said that the MS4 violation is not really her department, but she does think they are exploring an NPDES for the illicit discharge into Allen Creek.

She said they are working on the NPDES responses from the Honey Creek permit Hearing that was held in June. James D'Amour wanted to comment on this exploring of a permit for the Allen Creek and why the WCWRC has not taken this issue on more firmly. There is a change of leadership coming to the department and he hopes that there will be more MW's near these areas and more attention to his or her position here and NOT a permit for the Allen Creek. Jack mentioned for anyone who knows Gretchen Driskoll's address to pass it along. Rita Mitchell asked Jessica to explain permitting for allowing the pollution into the Allen Creek drain? She isn't really sure, and she thinks they are just now starting to explore this? Rita mentioned that as an Environmental Commission in Ann Arbor, they are very concerned about this issue. Jessica mentioned that she agrees with James about getting the WCWRC involved more with this. Vince mentioned that early on that Gelman tried to use the Drain for discharging contaminated water and it was vehemently denied. Another reason we need the EPA to come in and enforce halting and cleaning of the polluters contamination.

Washtenaw County-

Jenni Conn gave us an update on the Residential Well Sampling. They sampled 153 homes. 10 they couldn't get. 4 declined and 6 did not have water. There were no new detections in the expanded area. 36 positive detections (plus 10 more that were lower than .5ppb in Scio that were positive with Method 522). They did resampling in August a few homes with positive detections. For 2025 they have proposed 126 homes to be sampled with EGLE. They will resample the 46 positive detected homes focussing on the West side of Honey Creek area and the Miller Rd north area, concentrating on which depth and aquifer has detections.

Kristen Schweighofer said there is no new update on the litigation with Gelman.

Ann Arbor Twp-

There are no updates today.

Scio Township-

There are no updates today.

City of Ann Arbor-

Erin Donnelly said that the City is working on some request from information at the EPA regarding past water hook ups and past information about the Montgomery Well. In early July she toured the Gelman treatment facility with the Water plant manager. Jack asked if the City is litigating the 2006 contract between the City and Gelman. Erin said she will find out and if she can get the "complaint" from the City for us.

Executive Board-

Rita Loch-Caruso attended the Annual Meeting for the Yale Superfund Research Program June. The project's funding was cut in half and are working on competing renewals now. They are very interested in the contamination in Michigan. She complimented EGLE and

the County for these new visualization programs. She is hoping that there will someday be some exposure studies. She knows a scientist who does some home tap water remediation systems who is developing a unit. We will invite him to attend a CARD meeting soon.

There are no updates on the State Legislature and Polluter Pay Bills.

[CARD Updates 9/3/24](#) from UM Synthetic Biology Team. We got a link for a podcast interview the students want to have residents do.

Roger told us about Elinor Epperson's news articles that he placed on srs.w.org website.

We discussed canceling the November meeting on Election Day. Everyone agreed to do this so the November meeting was canceled, unless something arises and we can schedule one in the middle of November.

Chair Updates- [09/03/2024 CARD Meeting-Chair notes](#)

Roger discussed better sharing of the data from the homeowner well sampling results. The stakeholders are still waiting on the secret sampling data from the Polluter that was done under the Confidentiality Agreement when the last CJ was being negotiated. He has some links in his update (above) for some items from EPA and some old meetings/maps/analysis of the contamination site from the early years.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.

The Minutes were compiled by Beth Collins, CARD secretary